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MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2003 AT 5:00 PM

CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER
111 NW FIRST STREET
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128
18TH FLOOR, ROOM 3 (18-3)

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

- I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - Meeting of March 26, 2003
- III. WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT** (*time limit 3 minutes each speaker*)
- V. INFORMATION ITEMS**
 - A. CITIZENS INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) UPDATE – 15 Minutes**
- VI. ACTION ITEMS**
 - A. EARLINGTON HEIGHTS MIAMI INTERMODAL CENTER CONNECTION – 10 Minutes**
 - B. FY 2004 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) - 10 Minutes**
 - C. FY 2004 – 2008 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) - 10 Minutes**
 - D. CHAIRPERSON'S NOMINATION - 10 Minutes**
- VII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE**
- VIII. CTAC SECRETARIAT'S REPORT - 5 Minutes**
- IX. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**
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 - C. ELDERLY AND DISABLED SUBCOMMITTEE**
 - D. AVIATION SUBCOMMITTEE**
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- XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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SUMMARY OF MINUTES

MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2003

CTAC ATTENDANCE:

Frank Hernandez, Chair
Norman Wartman
Rolando Acosta
Joe Corradino
Willie Duckworth
Daniel Fils-Aime
Mac Glasgow
Ramon Irigoyen
Miles Moss
Emma Pringle
Ramon Ramos
Naomi Wright

OTHERS PRESENT:

Elizabeth Rockwell, CTAC Secretariat
Rachel Rolle, Citizen
Gordon Todd, Citizen
Steve Shiver, County Manager
Hilda Fernandez, Mayor's Office
Roosevelt Bradley, Director MDT
Danny Alvarez, Executive Director OPTM
Juan Mendieta, Director Communications
Clinton Forbes, MDT
Ruby Adams, MDT
Claudette Hinton, MDT
Patrice Rosemond, OPTM
Isabel Padron, OPTM
Virginia Diaz, OPTM

Irma San Roman, MPO Staff
Carlos Roa, MPO Staff
Michael Moore, MPO Staff
Zainab Salim, MPO Staff
Oscar Camejo, MPO Staff
David Henderson, MPO Staff
Larry Foutz, PBQD
Karma Prieto, PBQD

Frank Hernandez, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that the agenda be taken out of order with Item V. Citizens Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) Update presentation moved forward due to a lack of a quorum and the attendance of County Manager, Steve Shiver in respect to an invitation from the CTAC regarding this issue.

I. CITIZENS INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) UPDATE

Mr. Shiver explained that the CITT nominations have been taking place and the first official meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 7, 2003 with a quorum of 8 out of 15 members being appointed to date. He thanked the CITT Nominating Committee for making the nominations in an expeditious manner. There are five County Commissioners asking for another slate to choose from, due to some confusion as to members not living in their respective districts and other reasons. There were 133 applicants for the CITT Board. The County aired over 500 60-second radio spots in English, Spanish and Creole and appeared on over a dozen television and radio programs to encourage citizens to apply for a CITT position.

Mr. Shiver stated there has been a lot of discussion about the Office of Public Transportation Management (OPTM) and explained that the formation of the department was a County mandated decision by the voters of the community in a 66% margin to get the program up and running. Over the last six months, the Golden Passport program has been expanded to allow all seniors over the age of 65 to ride the transit system free of charge, implemented the free Metromover service, will be taking delivery of 170 new buses this year alone, have hired approximately 240 bus operators thus far, implemented 24-hour Paratransit services in April 2003, made improvements to 37 bus routes, and 22 new bus routes will begin in September 2003 with 24-hour service. In addition, there will be 500 additional bus operators hired by the end of this fiscal year and increasing to 700 bus operators by the end of fiscal year 2004. This is a daunting task to implement all these changes, which will add 7 million new bus miles this year and 7 million new miles next year. Also, six new minibus routes will be implemented that will expand the choices for riders of the system.

With regard to OPTM, in the early phases of building the Metrorail system the County hired over 300 people to build the system with a \$1.2 billion budget. In stark contrast to this, there are only 65 people to manage a \$17 billion program. It is clear the direction that is being taken is to implement the Peoples Transportation Plan (PTP) as quickly as possible and work with the Trust.

Mr. Hernandez then opened the floor to the CTAC members to ask any questions. Members wanted to know: what advertising will be done to show current achievements; if the CITT would look at OPTM's recent hiring and respective salaries; about the substantial salary increase Danny Alvarez received; will all the monies spent by the County be reviewed by the CITT; what has been the feedback from the general public; will a recession affect this program; and how are monies from the Feds being secured?

During the question/answer session, Mr. Hernandez announced the presence of a quorum for the CTAC and that the meeting was official and stated that not only is the County Manager in attendance, but also Roosevelt Bradley, Director of MDT and Danny Alvarez, Executive Director OPTM. He thanked all these individuals for attending the meeting on short notice.

In regards to outreach efforts, Mr. Shiver explained that there has been outreach through their website, newspaper articles, and the hotline at 305.770.3131. A marketing program will take effect in the next few months with 60-second airtime spots.

In regards to salary reviews and monies spent by OPTM, Mr. Shiver explained the CITT will review all salaries and he also stated that in order to implement the PTP the OPTM was extremely important to implement. He used existing County employees to staff the OPTM with exception of hiring five new employees with the other 60 employees becoming from MDT. Mr. Danny Alvarez explained that the County is in a unique situation that while other transit agencies around the Country are scaling back their services we are in an extremely competitive environment and are increasing services for the community. Mr. Shiver explained the monies being spent are out of the general fund and should be reimbursed by the PTP. Any plans not in accordance with the PTP will not be reimbursed although all actions have been in accordance with the PTP.

In regards to Mr. Alvarez's salary, Mr. Shiver explained that his salary was increased last September 17, 2002 while he was the Executive Director of MDT prior to the PTP being passed by the citizens. Mr. Roosevelt explained that no one has been given salary increases and his Executive staff has not been increased either.

In regards to feedback form the general public, Mr. Shiver explained that it has been "mixed". There have been inquires into what has been written recently in the newspaper trying to get to the bottom of what is really going on, but they have been very constructive.

In regards to a potential recession, Mr. Shiver believes that interest rates should remain the same and that is not a significant issue to the implementation of the PTP.

In regards to securing federal funds, Mr. Shiver explained this was an important issue and that the County needed to get their "ducks in a row" in order to secure appropriate funding.

Mr. Shiver assured the group that the County is doing exactly what has been directed for them to do and that is to build a quality transportation system in Miami-Dade County and nothing that has been done has varied from the original mission. He thanked the CTAC for its support with this issue.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mac Glasgow moved the approval of the revised agenda and the motion was seconded by Maurice Gan. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mac Glasgow moved for the approval of the minutes for the March 26, 2003 meeting. Emma Pringle seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

IV. WELCOME NEW CTAC MEMBERS

Chair Hernandez informed the Committee that Marlene Cutler has resigned from CTAC. He also welcomed back Naomi Wright from her leave of absence and introduced CTAC's new Secretariat, Elizabeth Rockwell.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Gordon Todd, citizen, expressed concern with the lack of uses available to transport citizens to their destination and the vast amount of empty buses that are scheduled for the airport. He further expressed that the funds could be used in areas that would utilize the services provided.

Ms. Rachel Rolle Rodney explained that the public should be made aware of the exciting new opportunities that are being made available as a result of the PTP.

VI. ACTIONS ITEM

A. EARLINGTON HEIGHTS MIAMI INTERMODAL CENTER CONNECTION

Larry Foutz, consultant from Parsons Brinkerhoff, provided the Committee with a brief overview of locally preferred alternative for the Earlington Heights Miami Intermodal Center Metrorail connection. The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), and the MIC Advisory group chose alternative 4-B, because this route is capable of accommodating the East-West multimodal project and has minimal impact to the surrounding area.

Mac Glasgow moved for endorsement of Alternative 4-B. Norman Wartman seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

B. FY 2004 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Oscar Camejo, MPO staff, presented the UPWP for CTAC's review and seeking approval for the document. This document includes \$6.7 million for next year for studies. The book is divided into four sections: short range, long range, Intermodal and systems planning and policy with an appendix. This document has five new studies listed in the Executive Summary (*a copy of the Draft FY 2004 UPWP is available with the CTAC Secretariat*).

Norman Wartman moved for supporting the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). This motion was seconded by Mac Glasgow and upon being put to a vote the motion passed unanimously.

C. FY 2004 – 2008 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Carlos Roa, MPO staff, presented the TIP and it's Air Quality Report as it complies with the Clean Air act Amendment of 1990 for CTAC's review and endorsement. Mr. Roa thanked the CTAC for their support during last month's Interactive TIP meeting. He also presented the new condensed, user-friendly citizen's version of the TIP, which was highly praised by the CTAC members (*a copy of the Draft FY 2004-2008 TIP is available with the CTAC Secretariat*).

Mac Glasgow moved for supporting the Transportation Improvement program (TIP). This motion was seconded by Norman Wartman and upon being put to a vote the motion passed unanimously.

D. CHAIRPERSON'S NOMINATIONS

Nominations will be left open until the next CTAC meeting and can be mailed, faxed, or emailed to the secretariat. Three nominations were made for the Chair's position and are as follows:

- Frank Hernandez nominated by Norman Wartman
- Lee Swerdlin nominated by Ramon Ramos
- Norman Wartman nominated by Rolando Acosta

VII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE

Mr. Frank Hernandez thanked Mike Hatcher, First Vice Chair for attending the MPO meeting and giving an update to them. As the CITT nominating committee designee, the slates for the Commissioners, Mayor and League of Cities were submitted for the slates. There was only one situation whereby the League wanted to submit their own slate to be adopted and there was great opposition by Mr. Hernandez that this defeated the process of the nominating committee. As a result, the League's motion was withdrawn and the original list was utilized. Mr. Hernandez suggested sending a letter to the CITT welcoming them and offering CTAC's assistance as well as diplomatically reminding them that CTAC is part of the process and the two should work closely together. Mr. Hernandez thanked all members who attended the Televised Public Meeting on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) on March 26th. A thank you letter was sent to Honorable Chairwoman Barbara Carey-Shuler for her attendance and support. On behalf of Maury Gan, he sends his regrets for the cancellation of the Maritime Subcommittee last month. The meeting will be rescheduled at the Port of Miami within the next couple of months. Mr. Hernandez encouraged all subcommittee chairs to evaluate their positions as Chair on their respective boards. There has been a lack of activity and there are a lot of issues that need to be addressed. He urged all Chairs to please reevaluate whether they are still interested in chairing their respective committees. Finally, Mr. Hernandez recognized the outstanding efforts of Michael Moore during his tenure as the Interim Secretariat.

Miles Moss moved for a resolution thanking Michael Moore for his outstanding performance as Interim Secretariat. This motion was seconded by Mac Glasgow and upon being put to a vote the motion passed unanimously.

VIII. CTAC SECRETARIAT'S REPORT

Elizabeth Rockwell informed the Committee that Automobile Insurance workshops will be held in the next few months with representatives from the traffic enforcement agencies and the insurance industry being invited to attend. The goal is to learn why South Florida has some of the highest insurance rates in the country and what can CTAC do to help lower the rates, bringing south Florida more in line with the rest of the country.

IX. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

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(No reports were given for items A-F)

X. OTHER ITEMS-PENDING BUSINESS

(No discussion on this item)

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Norman Wartman would like to: have a presentation made by the Turnpike's Operations section on the pushbutton projects; look into improving the Clerk of Courts Division of Motor Vehicle's (DMV) Customer Service; and have a highway needs study be included in the UPWP next year.

Ramon Ramos would like the drainage fixed at the corner of NW 87th Avenue and Flagler Street.

Rolando Acosta would like to work with Transit to explore electronic message boards for the Metrorail. Claudette Hinton, MDT, explained that this would not be implemented for a while, but a marketing representative could come to the meeting to discuss this issue.

Miles Moss asked whether or not the cell phone signage was placed on the buses. He also is concerned about the lack thereof of signals at all intersections along Phase II of the Busway.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM

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